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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed September 24, 2007. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks following.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time extending the time for response from December 24, 2007 up to and including January 24, 2008. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$120.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.

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